

2011 4th of July Parade



Hosted by the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce

Theme: *“Living the Present ~ Planning the Future”*

Welcome to our 151st Parade Celebration! Please complete and return the bottom portion of this official entry form with the applicable entry fee by July 1st to guarantee your position in the parade lineup.

The entrance fee is \$5 for the first vehicle or walking group, and \$5 for each additional vehicle or walking group. Please make checks payable to: Independence Area Chamber of Commerce.

All entries will be judged this year and plaques will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Best Use of Theme
- Best Decorated
- Best Promotion of the City
- Most Creative
- Best Overall

Not sure how to build a float? Do a search on the internet by simply typing in “**how to build a float**” (be sure to put it in quotes) and you will find dozens of links to useful sites.

Entries must be received by July 1st, 2011.

Please return your completed entry form with your check made payable to the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce:

4th of July Parade
Independence Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 104
Independence, Iowa 50644

Keep the above portion for your records - Return the bottom portion.

PARADE ENTRY FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Name of Entry (business, group or individual) _____

Type of Entry/Vehicle _____ Music (yes/no) _____

Additional Vehicles _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Responsible Person _____

Contact Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

PLEASE PRINT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTRY

My signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and guidelines for the 2011 4th of July Parade and warrant that my/our entry will fully comply.

Responsible Person _____ Date Signed _____

Entry fee and entry form must be mailed together

SAFETY RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation of these rules.
2. **The 2011 Parade will start from City Hall and end at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds.** Line-up will start along 4th Avenue NE on the west side of St. John's Church at 6:00 a.m. Entrants should be in the line-up no later than 8:00 a.m.—**the parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.**
3. Once your entry has started along the parade route, no one may board your float.
4. Cover all open wheels for safety (so marchers can not snag clothing or be pulled under wheels).
5. Your entry may not exit the parade route before the end of the parade.
6. No alcohol is allowed. Independence Open Container law will be strictly enforced.
7. For public safety, nothing may be thrown from your entry—candy, eggs, water balloons, super soakers, or other objects. Candy and/or small gift items may be **handed** out along the parade route.
8. Entries with children under the age of 19 must have one (1) adult per five (5) children.
9. All entries must have clear identification signage.
10. Changes in the parade line-up will be at the sole discretion of the parade officials.